(b) to (d) No, Sir. The LPG pipeline project was approved by the GAIL Board of Directors for Visakhapatnam to Secunderabad only after establishing commercial viability.

Supply of LPG at petrol pumps

f2185. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to provide LPG at petrol pumps; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have the plan to set up 228 Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDS) in various cities of the country by the year 2003-04. These ALDS would be set up at the existing Retail Outlets where safety distances as per Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE) norms are available.

Procedures adopted in Octane Test

†2186. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the kind of containers determined for the sample of OctaneTest of adulteration in petrol and diesel;

(b) the details of locations where OctaneTest is being conducted;

(c) whether the sample can be collected in the empty bottles of liquor or kerosene; and

(d) whether petrol and diesel pumps get the OctaneTest done at the depots of the oil company itself before receiving the delivery of oil; if not, the justification of taking the sample at petrol pumps for the said test?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (c) Samples for Octane Test for Petrol shall be taken in clean glass or aluminium

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.